

REMARKS/ARGUMENTSClaim Status

Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-21, 23, and 27-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-21, 23, 25, and 27-31 stand rejected.

Claims 23, 25, and 30-31 have been canceled.

No claims have been amended or added by this paper.

Claim Amendments in Anticipation of Appeal

Applicant filed a Response in this case on January 31, 2007. Applicant intended to cancel claim 23 in that response and indicated in the Remarks/Arguments section that claim 23 had been canceled. Applicant, however, inadvertently did not indicate the status of claim 23 as "(canceled)" in the claim listing. Applicant therefore submits this Response solely for the purpose of clarifying Applicant's intent to cancel claim 23 in anticipation of appeal, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed today.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the cancellation of claim 23 be entered on the record pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to clarify the issues on appeal.

CONCLUSIONS

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this Response, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50/1797.

Respectfully submitted,

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